

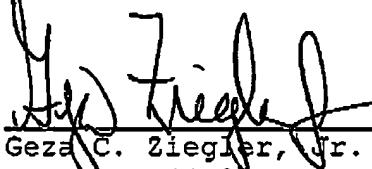
III. REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-5, 28, and 30-32 are allowed. Claims 6-27 were withdrawn by applicant as non-elected specie pending allowance of a generic claim. Since claim 1 is allowed, applicant submits that the subject matter of claims 6-27 should be rejoined and allowed under 37CFR1.141 as they contain all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim 1.

Rejoinder and allowance of claims 6-27 is respectfully requested.

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